

Ethan Frome/ Edith Wharton Test

1. What type of work is Ethan Frome?
2. Who wrote Ethan Frome?
3. What is the genre of Ethan Frome?
4. What was the time and place it was written?
5. Who was the narrator of the story?
6. Where did the story take place?
7. What is the tone of this work?
8. What are some interesting things about Edith Wharton?
9. What was EW's upbringing?
10. What was a major conflict within the novel and explain it?
11. What is a rising action in a story?
12. What is the climax in a story?
13. What is the falling action in a story?
14. What are the main themes in Ethan Frome?

15. What is a motif?
16. What are some symbols in Ethan From?
17. What is foreshadowing within in a novel?
18. What is a melodrama?
19. Where is Zeena going and why?
20. Why was Mattie “in a sense, indentured” to the Fromes?
21. What does Ethan spend all day fantasizing about?
22. How did Zeena and Ethan meet?
23. What was symbolic about the pickle dish and its breaking?
24. Why did Ethan ask Mr. Hale for an advance on his payment?
25. Why is Zeena sending Mattie away?
26. What did Mattie and Ethan decide to do?
27. After their (Mattie and Ethan’s) decision, how did life at the Frome’s change?
28. Why did Mattie and Ethan try to kill themselves?

29. What were some examples of foreshadowing in the novel?

30. What is naturalism?